

Agreement with Netherlands on the Green Hyderabad

1771. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement for assistance has been signed for the Green Hyderabad Project with Netherlands recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Grant Agreement was signed on 12/4/2001 by the Government of India with the Netherlands Government for the Inception Phase of the Green Hyderabad Programme under which an assistance of Netherlands Guilder (NLG) 64,82,620 (approx. Rs. 11,35,31,000) will be provided by the Netherlands Government.

The purpose of the Inception Phase is preparation of the main phase of the "Green Hyderabad Programme 2001-2005", which in turn seeks to achieve sustainable improvement of the environment which includes urban areas of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and some semi-urban areas and Gram Panchayats.

The Inception Phase is expected to be completed by 30.9.2001.

Opening of cooperative banks in Assam

1772. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open cooperative banks in Assam;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that three proposals have been received from groups of promoters for setting up of urban (primary) co-operative banks in Assam. These are-Union Co-operative Bank Ltd. (ASCARD), Guwahati; Sualkuchi Co-operative Bank Ltd., Kamrup and Citizen Co-operative Bank Ltd., Guwahati. Certain clarifications have been sought from the promoters of Sualkuchi Cooperative Bank and Citizen

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Co-operative Bank and their proposals would be dealt with by RBI in accordance with the present policy. RBI has given in principle approval for Union Co-operative Bank Ltd. and its banking licence would be issued on complying with the licencing requirements.

NPAs of SBI Group of Banks

1773. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Non-Performing Assets of the nationalised banks including the SBI group of banks as on 31st March, 2000 and 2001; and

(b) the amount of bad debt written off by each bank during these two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of the public sector banks as on 31st March, 2000 was Rs. 53294 crore and on 31st March, 2001 was Rs. 54773 crore, constituting 14% and 12.4% of their gross advances, respectively.

(b) The amount of loans written off by the public sector banks during the last two years bank-wise, is given in the Statement.

Statement

*Bad debts written off by the Public Sector Banks during
1999-2000 and 2000-01*

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Name of the Bank	Bad Debts written off during	
	1999-2000	2000-01
State Bank Group		
State Bank of India	515.25	1104.83
State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	33.80	94.62
State Bank of Hyderabad	92.28	120.52
State Bank of Indore	52.25	57.84
State Bank of Mysore	61.61	64.43